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Sure Start 1,2,3...

Southwark has been offered funding to develop another Sure Start programme to support children under four and their families. A sub-group of the Children's Partnership Board with representatives from health, education, social services and the voluntary sector is proposing that the focus for the third Sure Start in Southwark should be on the Brunswick ward (bounded by Southampton Row, Camberwell Church Street, Camberwell Road and Burgess Park). The group also agreed that if Southwark is invited to develop a fourth programme (as is likely within the next year) the priority should probably be the Rotherhithe area.

As with the previous programmes, the time frame is tight. An expression of interest has just been submitted and an initial plan has to be drafted by April 2001 followed by a final delivery plan (July 2001) and programme implementation (September 2001). Any organisations working with young children in the Brunswick area, or who might be interested in doing so, need to begin considering what kind of projects they might develop in areas including play, learning, childcare, health, home visiting and family support. A meeting for all those interested has being arranged for **Friday 16th March 2001, 10.30 - 12.30 at Cambridge House, 131 Camberwell Road, SE5**.

Sure Start East Peckham: the national Sure Start Unit are currently considering the delivery plan for Sure Start East Peckham, covering Consort ward and part of Friary ward. The plan proposes a £3,723,642 programme over three years, including possible redevelopment of the Peckham Settlement and Bird in the Bush Community Centre and projects delivered by 20 partners, 11 of them from the voluntary sector. The next Sure Start East Peckham Partnership Board meeting takes place on 26 April 2001. Further details from the Interim programme manager, Nita Rogers on 020 7635 7428.

Sure Start Aylesbury Plus: to mark its first full year of operation on the Aylesbury Estate and surrounding area, a Celebration Day was held on 8 February at Glaziers Hall with 140 people involved in Sure Start - equal numbers of parents and staff. The conference included contributions from Harriet Harman MP, David Jeffrey (National Sure Start Unit), and Professor Barry Wade (Birmingham University), who gave a stimulating talk on the Bookstart scheme. Crispin Day (South London & Maudsley NHS Trust) presented some of the findings of the major Planning and Development Exercise, designed to assess the needs of Sure Start parents and their views of services. Parents were encouraged to identify some of the barriers to accessing support in workshops and other exercises.

The event also saw the launch of 'Yes: a picture and action book about the senses' produced by Art in the Park and the Speech and Language Therapists with Sure Start parents and children, and including a number of simple activities parents can use to explore the senses of touch, taste, smell, looking and listening. The next Sure Start Aylesbury Plus Partnership Board takes place on Wednesday 14 March 2001. Details from Aileen McWey or Kate Miranda on 020 7771 3967/3978.

Make it Happen

Southwark Education and Triangle Services, Brighton, an innovative organisation working with children and young people with disabilities, have arranged a seminar 'Making it Happen - Communicating with children and young people with Special Educational Needs'.

Parents of children with severe communication impairments and a group of disabled young people are involved in planning the day and delivering presentations. Ruth Marchant, Co-Director of Triangle, has recently co-authored the practice guide that accompanies the DoH Framework for the Assessment of Children in Need and co-produced 'A Child's Voice' the video used for training.

This seminar is a follow-up to last year's very successful 'Involving and Including Children and Young People in Decision Making'. The keynote address will be made by Sue Emerson from Save the Children.

The seminar will take place on **Wednesday 28 March 2001 at the Education Resource Centre, Cator Street SE15.** If you would like to book a place at the seminar please contact Frances Taylor, Parent Partnership Co-ordinator on 020 7525 2673.

Children's Rights

Austin Challen recently came into post as the Children's Rights Officer for Southwark Social Services, with a brief to promote the rights and participation of looked after children in Southwark. Among the ideas he is currently exploring are:

- establishing systems for consulting with children on a regular basis;
- exit interviews for children leaving the care system;
- a user forum or small local user groups;
- involving young people in training for carers and staff;
- a conference or special event for children in 2001.

Austin is also leading on developing an advocacy service – so that children with concerns or complaints can have independent representation - and an independent visitors scheme so that young people who are not in contact with their families have a consistent visitor who will stay with them wherever they are placed.

Austen can be contacted on 0207 525 3818 or e.mail austin.challen@southwark.gov.uk

Social Services Training

Southwark Social Services Children's Training Section are holding a workshop 'Towards Safer Care' for managers and senior professionals involved in the corporate care of children in Southwark. The aim is to heighten awareness about the profiles and methods of perpetrators of child sexual abuse; to increased awareness of corporate parenting responsibilities in the areas of care, management, recruitment and selection, contracting and whistleblowing; and to consider how to be more effective in providing a safer environment.

The event takes place on 16th March 2001, 9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. at Millwall Football Club Conference Centre. It is open to managers in social services, health, education, the police, the voluntary sector and other relevant agencies. If you wish to attend or would like further details contact Keith Bootle at the Training Section on 020 7525 3801 or email keith.bootle@southwark.gov.uk

Rough Guide for Young People

A new guide to local services for young people in Lambeth, Southwark and Lewisham was launched on Friday 19th January 2001. The Rough Guide was written by and for young people and contains information on health, teenage pregnancy, sexuality, alcohol and drugs, counselling and support, housing advice and after school activities. The Rough Guide has been developed as part of the Lambeth, Southwark and Lewisham Health Action Zone Promoting the Health of Young People Out of School Project. For further information contact Justine Hottinger at Health First on 020 7955 4366. To order copies of the guide call Leaflet Orders on 020 7771 5052 and ask for a Rough Guide order form.

Young Lesbian & Gay Event

Health First and the Healthy Gay Living Centre are holding a conference on addressing the health needs of young lesbian, gay men and bisexuals on 14th March, at Glaziers Hall, London Bridge. The conference is aimed at anybody responsible for planning or providing services to young people in LSL and will be a mixture of presentations and practical workshops covering issues of health, education, policy, practice and the law. Details from Gareth Davies on 020 7407 3550 or Justine Hottinger on 020 7955 4366.

Young Refugees Research

LSL Health Action Zone has published the findings from a Community Health South London NHS Trust research project into the needs of young refugees in Lambeth, Southwark and Lewisham. Key findings include:

- young refugees face a number of barriers when accessing services, including communication barriers and a lack of awareness of what services are available;
- factors impacting on health and well being include boredom, isolation, nutrition, inappropriate placements, lack of health education, bullying and intergenerational conflict;
- professionals working with young refugees need further training and support, and interagency working could be improved.

The research will inform the development of the new Young Refugee Project which aims to improve access to services for young refugees and asylum seekers in LSL. A summary of the research is available on the HAZ website www.lslhaz.org.uk. For more details about the project please contact project co-ordinator Rachael Gosling on 020 7771 3319.

Neighbourhood Nursery Initiative

Southwark has been allocated £1,372,470 from the DfEE's new Neighbourhood Nursery Initiative (formerly known as the Disadvantaged Areas Childcare Initiative) to create 310 new childcare places for under 5s over the next three years.

Up to 3 years start up funding will be available for new nurseries, who will need to demonstrate that they will be sustainable after the period of funding. Funding will also be available for existing nurseries seeking to expand their provision.

Early Years Development and Childcare Partnerships are being asked to produce plans for developing Neighbourhood Nurseries in their most disadvantaged areas by 4 May 2001. If you would are interested in developing a new nursery in Southwark, or extending an existing one, please contact Sara Willis at Southwark Childcare First on 020 7525 5240 or email sara.willis@southwark.gov.uk. Sara can also send you a copy of the DfEE's Neighbourhood Nurseries Initiative prospectus.

Walworth Garden Farm

The Plants for Environmental Teaching and Learning (PETL) Project at Walworth Garden Farm (206 Manor Place, SE17) promotes active learning about plants and their importance to the environment. PETL brings fun learning activities and unique materials to Southwark schools to support National Curriculum requirements for teaching plant science and ecology at Key Stages 1 and 2. The project also helps Southwark schools with activities and materials for wildlife and gardening clubs through its afterschool programme 'Connecting Kids With Nature'. These services are offered to schools free of charge.

A Wildlife Watch Group meets at the Farm from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm on the last Saturday of every month, involving children aged 8 - 12 in exploring environmental issues. The PETL Project is also looking for nurseries and playgroups to take part in a pilot early years scheme, My Little Garden, to teach young children about growing green things. For further information , please contact Lisa Walenceus, the Farm's education officer, on 020 7582 2652.

Recruiting Trustees

Diane M. Ryken, our Community Nurseries Support and Development Officer, offers some advice on Management Committee recruitment.

Because many small charities seek to give their users a powerful voice, a charity's constitution (or Memorandum) often designates users to be the majority of elected Trustees to its management committee. For charities where users already have busy and stressful lives, for instance as working parents with young children, joining a management committee can seem far from attractive. Nonetheless, Chairs and/or staff are in the position of needing to encourage new members to stand for election at each year's Annual General Meeting, for the charity to legally function and for the organisation to be strong.

At an London Voluntary Services Council training course I attended recently there was recognition of the frustration of recruiting new trustees. It is not uncommon for people to be persuaded onto management committees with the assurance that 'it doesn't involve much – just attending a few meetings' . Unfortunately, for the health of an organisation this cannot really be true. Staff who are doing a professional job need good and committed employers, funders need to be confident that money is spent responsibly and regulatory agencies need to be sure that laws are upheld.

L.V.S.C. identifies several key stages for attracting and recruiting new committee members. They recommend that the Chair and committee members:

- identify present strengths and weaknesses on the committee;
- clarify what knowledge/skills are being sought in new members, clarify what they will be asked to do (this could be covered in a 'contract' or written description), identify possible people who would be interested in serving and ways to approach them (including advertising the vacancy if the constitution permits this), and provide information about the charity to interested people;
- have an existing committee member meet potential new trustees to discuss responsibilities and what is required.

One of the ways of meeting the challenge of 'too busy' users is to seek to create a balance on the management committee between people inside and outside of the organisation. In some cases this may require a change in the charity's constitution to allow more outsiders to be elected/co-opted to the committee. Another option is inviting non-voting 'observers' who represent other organisations to join the committee. The committee may allow observers to take a full part in discussions to help inform its deliberations, although observers can have no responsibility for committee members' decisions.

Alliance News

Seminar on Children & Violence

Last year in Southwark over 1000 children under 18 were robbed, 600 assaulted and 200 sexually assaulted. This is the tip of the iceberg, since there is known to be massive underreporting of violent crime against children. In addition children suffer violence at the hands of family members.

Children and violence was the focus of our seminar on 31 January, which was attended by twenty five people. The speakers included Debbie Welch, a member of the Police Critical Incident Panel, who talked about the impact of the death of Damilola Taylor. Sara Gibbs (Child to Child Project) talked about her work with children aged 9-12 in Peckham last year who identified murder as the key issue in their community.

Will McMahon from the Forum on Children and Violence at the National Children's Bureau gave an overview of the issue. The Forum seeks to co-ordinate action to promote non-violence in all aspects of children's lives and to promote an understanding of why children become violent and ways of preventing violence. A full report of the seminar will be available shortly.

Play Connections Project

Southwark Children and Families Alliance is establishing a new project with funding from Southwark Childcare First and Southwark Leisure. Play Connections will be providing support to voluntary sector after schools and playgrounds, as well as working to raise the profile of play in Southwark. We are currently recruiting a full time Play Connections Development Officer and a part time Information and Administration Worker, and hope to be able to make appointments by the end of March 2001.

New address / Office warming

Please note our new address and telephone numbers opposite. There has been some disruption during our protracted move to new offices in Peckham, but normal service is being resumed.

You are invited to join us for an office warming at our new premises on Tuesday 27th March. This will also mark the departure of Southwark Community Care Forum's interim director, Rick Henderson. Refreshment will be provided. RSVP to Rick on 020 7639 9760.

Southwark Children and Families Alliance
Southwark Community Care Forum

Joint Meeting, Wednesday March 21st 2001

1.00 pm - 4.00 pm, Cambridge House,
131 Camberwell Road, SE5

The main purpose of the meeting will be **to elect voluntary sector representatives to Southwark Partnership Board**. The Board is responsible for strategic planning to improve the health and well-being of Southwark residents, children and adults. We would like to see a children's organisation amongst the voluntary sector representatives to help ensure that the needs of children are not marginalised in the work of the Board. If you might be interested in standing but have not received a copy of the nomination papers please call Rosemary Watts at SCCF on 020 7639 9791.

The meeting will be open to voluntary organisations working with children and young people (members of the Alliance) as well as those working in the areas of health and social care (members of SCCF).

The meeting will also include a discussion of current funding issues. Daniel Currie, St Giles Trust, will be talking about **how to develop a fundraising strategy**. There will also be a workshop about the new **Children's Fund**.

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Children's Fund

Southwark has been allocated around £1.2 million a year over the next three years from the new Children's Fund. The Fund, which is administered by the government's Children and Young People's Unit, aims to develop preventive services for children aged 5 to 13 at risk of social exclusion.

The Children's Fund draws on Hardiker's model of four levels of prevention:

- level one: diversionary - prevention strategies focusing on whole populations before problems can be seen;
- level two: early prevention - where problems are already begin to manifest themselves and action is need to prevent them becoming more serious;
- level three: heavy-end prevention - focusing on multiple, complex and long-standing difficulties requiring a customisation of services to meet the needs of the individual concerned;
- level four: restorative prevention - focusing on reducing the impact of an intrusive intervention (e.g. work with looked after children or those permanently excluded from school).

The Children's Fund will be targeted at levels two and three. Ideas for services included in the Children's Fund Part Two Guidance include support focusing on children in the transition from primary to secondary school, children moving towards independence, children in difficulty (including work on child mental health), bullying, mentoring and out of school activities.

Some preliminary discussions about how to make best use of the Children's Fund locally have already taken place with officers from social services, education, health, the police and Southwark Children and Families Alliance. Issues include what services to prioritise and which geographical areas to focus on. One priority that has been suggested is breaking the cycle of young people becoming involved in criminal gangs, with a particular focus on the Peckham area. This could involve a range of activities in the community.

The Guidance makes it clear that the voluntary and community sector should have a full and equal involvement in developing proposals for the Children's Fund. If your organisation has any views about priorities and how the Children's Fund might be best used locally please complete the questionnaire enclosed with this newsletter or call Neil Gordon-Orr at Southwark Children and Families Alliance, 020 7639 9916.

There has been some concern in Southwark that the Children's Fund must be used to fund the local On Track programme, accounting for around £450,000 a year. Funding had already been committed to this from the Home Office so this part of the Children's Fund does not represent new funding at all. However, it appears that there may be room for negotiation on this.

Young Mothers

Charterhouse

The new Young Mothers Project based at Charterhouse in north Southwark aims to inform and support young mothers (aged 19 and under). The project will provide weekly support group sessions addressing issues such as parenting skills, play, stress management, healthy eating and nutrition. It will also offer counselling and advice.

Contact: Fiona Mitchell, Project Worker, Charterhouse in Southwark Young Mothers' Project, 40 Tabard Street, SE1 4JU (tel. 020 7403 1676).

Teenage Pregnancy Support Project

A new project to help teenage mothers has been launched on Kingswood Estate, West Dulwich. The Teenage Pregnancy Support Project has been set up to support young mothers - up to the age of 18 - through pregnancy and after the birth of their child. The project, supported by Southwark Council's Youth Service, and Paxton Green Group Practice, will encourage new mothers to take control of their lives and become self sufficient and independent.

The project is based in Kingswood House, Seeley Drive, Kingswood Estate, SE21. For further information contact Laura Zauli, 020 7639 8076.

New School for North Southwark

Southwark Council has ratified the Corporation of London's proposals to provide a new 'City Academy' in the north of the borough. Sites under consideration are Paterson Park and Canada Water, both owned by Southwark Council. Key features of the proposals are for:

- an academy for boys and girls with six form entry (900 places) plus a sixth form;
- partnership between the two authorities to be reflected on the governing body;
- the academy to form an integral part of secondary school provision in Southwark;
- specialism in business and enterprise, to reflect the major focus of the City of London;
- the academy to be available for use by the local community out of school hours;
- high educational standards and expectations;
- focus on ICT in curriculum;
- admissions criteria in line with those of Southwark, but with priority entry for the small number of pupils who live in the City;
- target date for opening in 2002 (but accepting 2003 may be more realistic).

Proposals will now go forward for approval by the DfEE and, if approved, full consultation on both the academy and the location will be carried out by Southwark Council and the City Corporation. The £20m City Academy will be funded by the DfEE with £2m in sponsorship coming from the Corporation of London.

Smart Card for Schools

A 'smart card' to be issued to Southwark secondary school pupils will reward them for good school attendance, positive behaviour and citizenship with points which can be exchanged for access to leisure, arts and internet cafes. The scheme, designed by Southwark Police Partnership Team together with the Southwark Council's Youth Offending Team and other council departments, has been awarded £875,000 from the government's Invest to Save budget. It is one of only 17 successful schemes submitted by London boroughs.

Private sector partners already actively engaged in developing the project include London Broncos Rugby League, London Knights Ice Hockey, Surrey County Cricket Club, Millwall Football Club, London Towers Basketball and the Globe Theatre. The scheme aims to reduce levels of truancy, school exclusions, crime and anti-social behaviour and encourage young people to make use of community, leisure and arts facilities. The scheme will be available to all 17 secondary schools in the borough.

Sure Start Secondment Opportunity

A Project Development Officer is urgently needed for the new Sure Start (Brunswick) Planning Team.

Community Health South London NHS Trust, Southwark Council, and partner agencies have been successful in bidding to develop a third Sure Start initiative in Southwark, which will be based in Brunswick Ward in Camberwell. The Sure Start Programme aims to work with parents and children under 4 years to promote the physical, intellectual and social development of pre-school children.

The Project Development Officer will work closely with the planning team, local statutory, community and voluntary agencies to ensure the development and completion of the final Sure Start delivery plan by 18th July 2001. The postholder will maintain a project plan, co-ordinate workstreams, collate information, be actively involved in consultation with parents and stakeholders, meet potential partner organisations and contribute actively to the development of the plan.

Good project management skills are essential, as are communication, networking and analytical skills, and the ability to work effectively in a multi agency environment and across organisation boundaries. Candidates should have experience in a health, social work, education or related field and an understanding of services for young children and families.

The post is available as a short-term secondment for a permanent employee of the Local Authority, Health Trusts and Voluntary Sector Organisations. The secondment will be for at least 4 months, possibly longer, until a Programme Director is appointed. Although a full time secondment would be ideal, part time / job share arrangements will be considered. The salary is £27,916 pa (pro rata, inclusive of geographical allowance). For an application pack, please contact the Human Resources Department, Elizabeth Blackwell House, Wardalls Grove, Avonley Road, London SE14 5ER, tel: 020 7771 5086 (24 hour voicemail). For further information, please contact Vivienne Cencora (Health) 020 7771 3805, Val Rogers (Social Services) 020 7525 3677; or Bonnie Royal (Early Years) 020 7525 7984. Closing date: 20th April 2001. Interviews will be held on 3rd May 2001.

Funding News

Healthy Communities Fund

£337,866 has been awarded to community groups in Lambeth, Southwark and Lewisham for work promoting the well being and health of children and young people. Southwark-based projects funded in the latest round of the Health Action Zone Healthy Communities Fund include:

- **Women of Nigeria International** receives a grant of **£5,000** to record and distribute an education video providing information to young people on female circumcision. The video is based on a play developed by WONI called the 'African Maiden'.

- **Multi-Lingual Community Rights Shop**, which provides free bi-lingual advice and advocacy to communities whose first language is not English receives a two-year grant of **£35,000**. The grant will be used to employ additional Bi-lingual Advice workers. The group works with a large number of young people and families with children and plans to increase the number accessing it's services.

- **Groundwork Southwark**, a local charity which is involved in a wide range of environmental initiatives across Southwark, receives a two-year grant of **£31,000**. The grant will be used to employ a Youth and Environment Worker. The aim of this project is to increase the involvement of young people in environmental and regeneration projects.

- **SRC Day Nursery** receives a grant of **£8,000**. The grant will be used to equip and refurbish one of the group's rooms to be used specifically by children with a disability or special need. The room will also be used by visiting speech therapists, child psychologists and play therapists to help assess the needs of children.

- **Confederation of African Professionals UK** receives a grant of **£5,000**. The grant will be used to establish a supplementary school for children aged 11 to 17 in Peckham.

- **Unity Football Club** receives a grant of **£5,000** to provide training opportunities for young people planning to become coaches.

The Healthy Communities Fund will be awarding more grants in June, September and December this year. Application forms are now available. To request an application pack or for further information please contact the Fund on 020 7582 5117.

Help a London Child

Help a London Child offer grants to groups benefiting disadvantaged children in nine categories: play groups, youth clubs, refugees and homeless organisations, cultural groups, health projects, social/lesiure projects, community groups, education and lone parents. The closing date for applications this year is 25th May 2001. For an application pack send a stamped addressed A4 envelope to Help a London Child, Capital Radio, 29/30 Leicester Square, WC2H 7LA.

Taifa Community Care Project

Taifa Community Care Project provides care and support to children and families affected by HIV in Southwark, as well as a range of other HIV projects in African communities.

Southwark Social Services are now offering Social Worker Advice Sessions at Taifa Community Care Project, 5/6 Sceaux Gardens, Dalwood Street, London SE5 on the first Tuesday of the month. The sessions are aimed at people living with HIV in Southwark, or worried about someone who is HIV+, and offer advice and information about services that could help. Appointments are available from 10.00am until 12.20pm, with a Drop In from 1.00pm until 2.00pm.

For further information please contact Taifa Community Care Project on: 020 7708 1781 or 020 7708 5142.

South London FSU

South London Family Service Unit has published a new brochure setting out its aims, services and quality statement.

SLFSU provides a range of family support services across Southwark and Lambeth, including family social work, counselling, play therapy and parenting support groups. Specialist projects include a service for sexually abused children (with individual, family and group work) and an Irish Family Service (providing domestic violence, advocacy and outreach).

For a copy of the brochure or for further information contact South London Family Service Unit, 5 Baldwin Crescent, SE5 9LQ (tel. 020 7733 6291.

Education for Choice

Education for Choice is developing a peer education project in Southwark, along with Lambeth and Hackney.

The three year Project, funded by the National Youth Agency, aims to recruit and train 30 young people aged 16-18 a year to become peer educators (10 from each borough). The peer educators will then deliver sex education talks and workshops to young people aged 14-16 in schools, youth centres and other settings. The talks will be clear, honest and non-emotive and provide information on preventing unwanted pregnancies and the choices available if faced with an unwanted pregnancy.

Education for Choice is a national charity providing educational resources on abortion. For further information contact: Justine Cottle, Peer Education Officer, Education for Choice, 2-12 Pentonville Road, London N1 9FP (tel. 020 7837 7221).

Siblings of Children with Disabilities

Capital Carers is convening a multi-agency group looking at the needs of the siblings of children with disabilities. The first meeting in March identified that there is no resource locally offering support, advice and activities for children whose brothers or sisters are disabled.

Some support was offered to siblings previously through the Young Carers Project, where siblings were involved in caring. However, the funding of this project no longer allows this and the service is now only provided for children who are caring for an adult with a community care need.

Siblings projects elsewhere offer a valuable resource, enabling siblings to share experiences with others in similar situations, to have time away from their disabled brother or sister, to take part in activities, and just to have fun.

The next meeting of the Siblings Awareness group will take place on Monday 23 April 2001. For further information please contact Chryseus Yamaguchi at Capital Carers on 020 8693 5090.

Toy Library

Southwark Childcare First, the Early Years Development and Childcare Partnership, has been allocated up to £40,000 to set up a new toy and equipment library. Facilities will be aimed primarily at formal childcarers but will also be available to local parents. Different options are being considered for where a new toy library might be situated and how it might operate. If you have any suggestions please contact Sara Willis on 020 7525 5240.

Southwark Children and Families Alliance

Meeting dates for 2001

Meeting dates for the remainder of this year will be as follows:

Tuesday May 15th
Thursday 5th July
Wednesday 12th September
Tuesday 20th November

All meetings will take place from 2.00 - 4.30 pm. Venues and subjects to be confirmed.

Are you on email?

If so you could be better informed and help us save stamps (and trees). All the information included in this newsletter is also sent out by email in a (more or less) weekly news bulletin. The email version also includes additional material such as local press stories. If you are on email and want to switch to the electronic version let us know (contact details below).

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Health Action Zone Consultation

Lambeth, Southwark and Lewisham Health Action Zone is currently consulting on its future priorities. In its first phase LSL HAZ has focused on tackling health inequalities and modernising services for children and young people. In its next stage LSL HAZ will continue to focus on children but will also be spreading the learning from the LSL HAZ funded children's projects across certain adult services.

A key change is that LSL HAZ will be focusing more strategically on change management. In its first three years, HAZ has funded a wide range of projects working with children and young people. In future LSL HAZ resources will be focused on enabling change through transitional funding in existing services rather than funding separate project based initiatives.

LSL HAZ partners, including the voluntary sector, are being asked to identify which services LSL HAZ should prioritise for its next commissioning cycle in addition to children. Areas suggested to date include:

- mental health;
- intermediate care for the elderly;
- sexual health;
- black and minority ethnic health;
- domestic violence;
- refugees and asylum seekers.

Are Children Still First?

Southwark Children and Families Alliance has been actively involved in LSL HAZ since its inception, particularly in relation to promoting children's participation. We are represented on the LSL HAZ Partnership Board. Our main concern about the proposed change in direction is the risk of downgrading the importance of children within HAZ.

The original LSL HAZ 'Children First' bid in 1998 envisaged an ambitious seven year programme to tackle the causes of ill health for local children and young people. The NHS Executive/Department of Health gave the go ahead to this but has applied consistent pressure ever since to broaden the focus from children to other groups in the local population.

We recognise that there are other equally valid needs locally and would support HAZ receiving additional funding to address them. However, without significant extra resources, broadening the focus of HAZ can only mean a reduction in the resources allocated to children's services. All the evidence points to children in Lambeth, Southwark and Lewisham continuing to have poorer health than elsewhere in the country, suggesting that this is no time to reduce the commitment to children.

What Future for HAZ Projects?

While we recognise the need to achieve 'whole systems' change, we also have concerns about the future of HAZ funded projects. Currently there are 14 projects based in Southwark, as well as a number of LSL-wide projects which are working with children and families locally. Projects whose HAZ funding expires in 2002 include Newpin Antenatal Support for Teenage Mothers, Home-Start Southwark and the Speech and Language Therapy Early Communication Project.

The expectation is that where projects are successfully evaluated funding could be taken up from mainstream sources. It is doubtful though whether existing health or social services budgets have the capacity to take over funding in this way for more than a very small minority of projects. We feel that a priority for HAZ should be to ensure that projects that are making a proven difference to the lives of children should be able to continue.

This issue is not unique to the Health Action Zone. Much of the funding of new children's services in the past three years has taken place under time-limited government initiatives such as Action Zones of various kinds, Sure Start and so on. Even though most of these are expected to continue for some time, in many cases funding will taper off after their first three years, leaving services potentially vulnerable.

For a copy of the LSL Health Action Zone consultation paper call 020 7716 7000 ext. 7513 or email haz.enq@ob.lslha.sthames.nhs.uk. The consultation ends on Friday 11 May 2001.

Disabilities & Special Needs

Contact a Family

Contact a Family Southwark will be holding its annual general meeting on Tuesday 22 May 2001 at Walworth Road Methodist Church, 54 Camberwell Road, SE5 OEN, from 11.30 am - 1.30 pm, followed by lunch. The guest speakers will be Harriet Harman MP and Martin Roberts, Chief Executive of Lambeth Southwark and Lewisham Health Authority, who will be talking about the changes in the health service and their implications for services for children with disabilities.

Contact a Family provides advice, information and support to the families of children with disabilities and special needs. The AGM will also feature the launch of Contact a Family's new Parents' Information Room, which includes materials on topics including education, benefits, grants and specific impairments, as well as ideas for after school activities, outings and holidays. For further information please call Contact a Family, 020 7277 4436 or email southwark@cafamily.org.uk

Making it happen in Southwark

Disabled children and young children with Special Educational Needs face particular barriers communicating their needs. On 28 March, Southwark Parent Partnership hosted a one day seminar for over sixty parents and professionals entitled *Make It Happen*, presented by Triangle Services Brighton. Recent changes in the law relating to children's needs make many references to the rights of the children and young people from as early as possible to have a say in matters affecting their lives.

Working together with Triangle, a group of disabled young people were involved in planning the day and leading the workshops. Through presentations and discussion they provided a powerful message for all children to be regarded with equal value, their right to be heard and to participate in decisions affecting their lives. A range of practical approaches and ideas were provided in the workshops to encourage participants to ask *How can I communicate with her/him?* and *How does she/he communicate?* rather than the more negative *of Can she/he communicate?*

Parent Partnership will be arranging the sixth annual SEN conference on 20 June 2001. The Triangle team will be facilitating a workshop exploring further children's rights to be seen and heard.

For further information please contact Frances Taylor on 020 7525 2673.

On Track Southwark

On Track is a government initiative to provide support for families of children aged four to twelve years old. The aim is to bring agencies together to provide consistent and effective support so that children can achieve their potential and families can receive support when difficulties are first identified. On Track covers the crucial entry of children into early years and primary education, and then their transition to secondary school.

On Track Southwark is working in the two east Peckham wards of Friary and Consort, including 4 primary schools and four early years/nursery settings, including All Nations and Wellcome Community Nurseries.

Some On Track services have already been launched. For example most Primary school teachers in the area have now been trained to help children 'learn how to learn' and think about what they can do to aid the learning process. This means helping children to understand skills such as self-regulation as well as developing their ability to explore problems and work with others. All 4 schools also have a Speech and Language Therapist on site one day a week. Services to be developed include a parent drop-in for advice on parenting issues and more intensive family support.

Jenny Brennan has recently been appointed as the Co-ordinator of On Track Southwark. She can be contacted on 020 7525 7886.

Assessment Framework Training

Southwark Social Services Children's Training Section are holding an Assessment Framework Inter-Agency Awareness Day on Wednesday 23 May 2001, 9.30 – 4.30 p.m (venue to be confirmed). The aim of the day is to provide an understanding of roles and responsibilities in undertaking Inter-agency Assessments of Children in Need in the light of the new Assessment Framework.

Three further sessions have been arranged on Assessment Framework Inter-agency Policies and Procedures. These will take place on Friday 8 June, Monday 11 June and Tuesday 12 June 2001 and will launch the new Social Services Threshold Criteria and Referral Forms that have been developed in Southwark.

For further details contact Sandra Wallace-Milwood on 020 7525 3781.

Children's Fund

The Children's Fund is aimed at developing services for children aged 5-13 years old who are at risk of social exclusion. At least £750,000 a year will be available over the next three years to develop a programme of preventative services.

A sub-group of the Children's Partnership Board with representation from social services, health, education, the police and the voluntary sector has provisionally agreed that the priority focus for Southwark should be on developing a preventative programme for children aged 5 to 13 at risk of school exclusion and/or involvement in crime in the Peckham area.

Given that the On Track programme is already targeted at East Peckham (Consort and Friary wards), the target area for the Children's Fund would be central Peckham (Liddle ward, plus parts of Brunswick and the Lane wards), the final boundaries being partly dependent on the level of funding available. It was also agreed that some more specialised services could be developed that could work with children in this core area as well as from other parts of Southwark.

The next stage will be an extensive consultation with local agencies and the community to determine what should be included in a programme for children in this area. For more information contact Charles Oseghare, Southwark Social Services on 020 7525 3677 or email charles.oseghare@southwark.gov.uk

Sure Start Brunswick

Consultation is continuing on the proposed new Sure Start programme to support children 0-4 and their families in the Brunswick ward (covering Camberwell and West Peckham).

Parents and other members of the local community will have a chance to find out about Sure Start and contribute their views at a fun day on Bank Holiday Monday, May 7th at the Grove Nursery, Newent Close, Peckham, SE15. The event takes place from 1.30 pm - 4.30 pm and will include a bouncy castle, face painting, story telling, fire breathing and food. For further information contact the Grove Nursery on 020 7701 6629. The Grove is situated on Newent Close, off Coleman Road between Southampton Way and Wells Way.

An outline plan has been submitted to the national Sure Start Unit setting out what progress has been made so far in developing Sure Start Brunswick.

Early Years & Childcare

Training and Employment

Southwark Childcare First is holding its 2nd Jobs and Training Fair at the Elephant and Castle Shopping Centre on Wednesday 9th May 2001 (all day). The event will include stalls with information and advice for anyone thinking about working with children and young people aged 0-16.

Southwark Childcare First is also producing a regular vacancy bulletin. If you would like to advertise a childcare post (free of charge) send your advertisement to fHD, 22-36 Paxton Place, SE27 9SS (tel. 020 8760 7332, fax 020 8670 7335, email admin@fhd.org.uk).

Lighthouse Children's Foundation

Lighthouse Children's Foundation (formerly known as Lighthouse Supplementary School), a major voluntary sector provider of out of school childcare and education in Southwark, has announced a number of successful funding applications in the first few months of 2001.

In March it received £7500 from the Supplementary Schools Support Service to set up a computer suite at its St John's Institute Centre, Larcom Street SE17. The mini-suite will have full internet access which Lighthouse plan to open up to the local community.

Lighthouse has also secured a £19965 contract with the Peckham Partnership to deliver 14 subsidised childcare places for parents living in Peckham. Parents will pay £7.50 per week during term time instead of £22.50, and £12.50 per week during school holidays instead of £45.00. The scheme is open to Peckham parents, unemployed or students, of children aged 4-11 years. Liddle ward residents get first priority.

Lighthouse also received £14,000 grant funding from Southwark Council towards the costs of its after school club at St James in Peckham, supplementary school, homework clubs and parent support programme.

For further information contact Lighthouse Children's Foundation, Kingswood House, Seeley Drive, SE21 8QR (tel/fax 020 8761 6006, email Lightchildfound@aol.com).

Forthcoming Events

Southlondonkidz.com

WWW.Southlondonkidz.Com is a new Health Action Zone-funded website designed by young people for young people to promote the health and well being of young people in Lambeth Southwark and Lewisham. Its launch takes place on Wednesday 9th May 2001, 5.30 -7.30 pm at The Albany, Douglas Way, Deptford SE8 4AG.

Young Refugee Project

The LSL HAZ Young Refugee Project is holding an event on Thursday 24 May at Southwark Cathedral Conference Centre for people working with young refugees or asylum seekers and those interested in learning about other work with young refugees. The event aims to share good practice across LSL with discussion on the development of a forum to promote and support work with young refugees across the three boroughs. To confirm a place or for more information please contact Anna Aguma or Rachael Gosling on 020 7771 5282 or email rachael.gosling@chsltr.sthames.nhs.uk.

Towards Disability Equality

Greater London Action on Disability (GLAD) is organising a number of training days to consider the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 and how to remove barriers to disabled young people taking part in leisure and social activities in the Boroughs of Lambeth, Southwark and Lewisham. Southwark dates are 21 June and 5 July at Peckham Pulse Leisure Centre, 10 am - 4 pm. Details from HAZ GLAD Project on 01525 373964 or email hazglad@madasafish.com

Sickle Cell Conference

Service users and professionals are invited to a conference on children with sickle cell disease at the Oval Cricket Ground on 15 May. The conference will review current service provision in Lambeth, Southwark and Lewisham and listen to the views of users on service development. For further information contact Dr Sarah Helps, Clinical Psychologist on 020 7414 1358.

SCCF Training

Southwark Community Care Forum (parent body of Southwark Children and Families Alliance) has two free training events coming up shortly. On Wednesday 16 May 2001, 10 to 12.30, there will be a seminar for voluntary organisations on the new Stakeholder Pensions. From 1 October 2001, all organisations with more than 5 employees will have to offer stakeholder pensions to their staff.

On Tuesday 19 June, 10 to 4.30, there will be a training day on 'How to make good funding applications'. Details from SCCF Organisational Development Project on 020 7639 9792/2438. Booking forms are included in this mailing.

Southwark Children and Families Alliance Meeting

Wednesday 6 June, 10.30 am - 1.00pm

at Cambridge House, 131 Camberwell Road, SE5

Agenda:

Children and Neighbourhood Renewal - with Nathalie Hadjifotiou, Head of Social Inclusion, Southwark Council

Plus the Children's Fund; Sure Start, Social Services Assessment Framework and all the latest developments in Southwark

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Sure Start Aylesbury goes to Belfast

Representatives from Sure Start Southwark Aylesbury Plus were invited to a conference at Belfast Castle on June 14th. Sure Start is just getting off the ground in Northern Ireland, and people involved in it were very interested to hear about our experience of developing multiagency support for children under four and their families.

As a 'trailblazer programme', Sure Start Southwark Aylesbury Plus was one of the first to be established and is recognised by the national Sure Start Unit as one of the more successful in England so far. In the past 18 months 1200 children under four and their families have accessed Sure Start services on the Aylesbury Estate and surrounding area.

Kate Miranda (Director), Neil Gordon-Orr (Chair, Partnership Board) and John Sutton (local parent and Chair of Play, Learning and Childcare Working Group) talked about how Sure Start has changed the way agencies work together and made a real difference to children's lives in the area.

As an example of partnership working on a large scale we talked about plans to create a new parent and children's centre on the Aylesbury Estate, including a pre-school playgroup, day nursery, and space for training and a range of other activities for parents and children. It is envisaged that the proposed new centre would be developed as a partnership between Sure Start (which would contribute some capital funding, as well as helping to develop services), New Deal for Communities (which would contribute a substantial part of the capital funding and design the centre as part of a wider community facility) and Southwark Childcare First (which would contribute funding through the Neighbourhood Nursery Initiative).

We emphasised the importance of Sure Start providing fun, positive opportunities for parents and children as well as services. There was particular enthusiasm at the conference for The Millennium Babies' Wood project, where 300 local people planted trees in Burgess Park to celebrate the birth of children born in the area during the year 2000.

The Millennium Babies Celebration Album, which has just been launched, includes professional portrait photographs of many of these babies and is a testament to what Sure Start is all about - happy parents and children in all their diversity.

For more information about Sure Start Southwark Aylesbury Plus contact Kate Miranda, Programme Director, 020 7771 3967.

Sure Start: a parent's story

"I am a mother, 32 years of age and a lone parent. I have a daughter with special needs - she is partially blind and has severe housing loss. I first heard about Sure Start when I went to an open day held at Michael Faraday School... At the time I was worried about my daughter's development and didn't know which way to turn. All that has changed over the past year. By using the services of Sure Start I have been able to get the support that I was lacking. Both my daughter and me are more confident, and I am less depressed and less lonely.

My daughter had a part time place at Dyason pre-school which she loved. Through Sure Start Speech and Language Therapy her deafness had been recognised and she was beginning to get the extra support she needed. But I felt if wasn't enough for her; at the age of 3 and a half she needed to be in a group with children for longer than 2 and a half hours, to help her develop socially. I made that point, and so did lots of other parents. Sure Start listened and started trying to do something about it. They offered extra funding to the pre-school to open for longer hours and provide more places for more children.

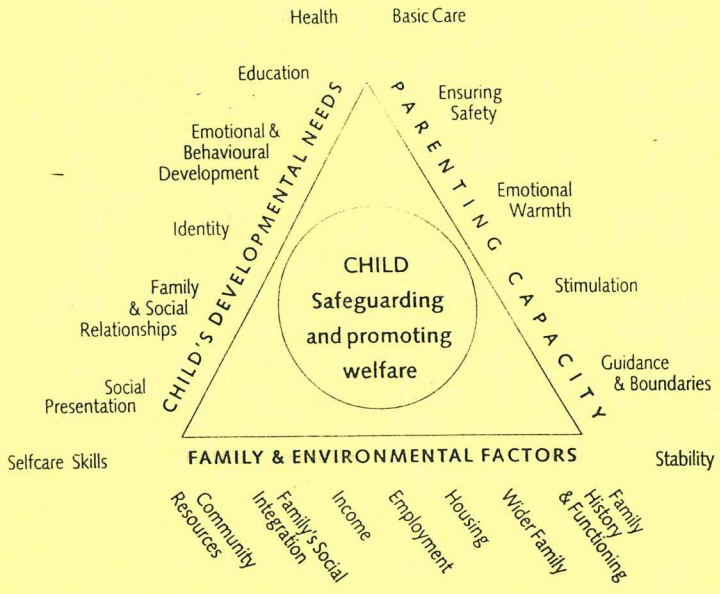
Since January my daughter has been attending full-time and the difference is wonderful. She has support to cope with her hearing aids and is developing well. She is happier because she sees I am happier. Now I have more time to think about myself instead of worrying about her all the time and I have been attended the craft classes at Welcare, which have just been brilliant. I am doing carpentry. I feel better about myself. More positive about like and I feel that I have started doing things with my life. And finally, thanks to the support of the Sure Start team from Blackfriars Advice Centre I have received help with my benefits which has made all the difference for both of us".

Framework for the Assessment of Children in Need

Wesley Powley-Baker, Southwark Social Services, introduces the new Framework:

Southwark Social Services Department is implementing a new Framework for assessing, analysing, understanding and recording what is happening to children and young people within their families and the community in which they live. Guidance for this Framework has been issued by the Department of Health, which all local authorities are required to use.

The Framework is based on three inter-related systems or 'domains': the developmental needs of children; the capacity of parents to respond to those needs; and the impact of wider family and environmental factors on parenting capacity and children. Each of these domains has a number of critical dimensions (see diagram).



The Assessment will begin at the referral of a child, with Social Services deciding within 24 hours whether the criteria for receiving support from Social Services have been met. Following on from this, Social Services will be required to complete an Initial Assessment within 7 working days and a more detailed Core Assessment within 35 days, if required.

There is a clear requirement to contact those agencies and professionals that are involved with the child, including voluntary organisations where appropriate. Similarly the assessment may identify the need for another agency or profession to give a contribution from their perspective.

The expectation is that the new assessment process will promote joint working between different agencies and parents to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.

Southwark Social Services is sending a copy of the new Inter-Agency Referral Form to Southwark Children and Families Alliance's contact list of voluntary organisations working with children. This form sets out the process for identifying children in need and the threshold criteria which Social Services use to determine the level of need from Level 1 (Low Priority) to Level 4 (High Priority).

Voluntary organisations who wish to refer a child to Social Services should use the new form unless there are urgent child protection concerns, in which case referral should be made by telephone.

- *Southwark Social Services North District Office, 23 Harper Road, SE1 6AW (tel. 020 7525 1925)*
- *Southwark Social Services South District Office, Sumner House, Sumner Road, SE15 5QS (tel. 020 7525 1049).*
- *For all referrals concerning disability contact: Children's Disability Services, 47b East Dulwich Road, SE22 9BZ (tel. 020 7525 4409).*
- *For all referrals concerning unaccompanied minors contact: Asylum Services, 90 Blakes Road, SE15 6EP (tel. 020 7525 7911).*

For further information about the implementation of the new Framework contact Wesley Powley-Baker, Project Co-ordinator on 020 7525 1038. Email - wesley.powley-baker@southwark.gov.uk

Southwark Young Parents Conference

The aim of this conference is to bring together young parents (mothers and fathers) with local agencies to identify needs, gaps, challenges and ways forward. There will be presentations on childcare, housing, Connexions, education, and Sure Start Plus as well as a series of workshops. The conference takes place on 19 July 2001, 9.30 am - 3 pm at Cator Street Education Resource Centre, SE15. If you wish to attend, or are in touch with any parents who might be interested, contact Dorothy Okotie (Teenage Pregnancy Co-ordinator) on 020 7525 3835, email dorothy.okotie@southwark.gov.uk

Play and Out of School News

The new Play Development Officer has arrived!

The latest member of the Southwark Children and Families Alliance team is the new Play Development Officer, Rachel Murray. Her role is to support voluntary sector play providers in Southwark including after school clubs, play schemes and adventure playgrounds - basically any project that offers play opportunities to over 5s.

She is available to support both management committees, play workers and managers. This support will be given both on a one to one basis for your particular project enquiries and through group training and information meetings. She will be meeting regularly with the other development officers who provide support on business planning, funding and special needs in the borough. This will enable all the officers who support the play sector to offer a co-ordinated approach.

If you need any advice or guidance please feel free to phone her on 020 7639 9807 or email rachelmurray@play-scfa.freeserve.co.uk.

Tired of the same ideas?
... want a new bag of tricks?

Then come to
The Playscheme and Activity Training Day

on Wednesday 4th July 2001, 10am - 3pm
Burgess Park Adventure Playground

This event is being run by the play development project (part of SCFA) and Groundwork Southwark. It will give all play providers NEW ideas for activity sessions and days out. The programme will include practical training sessions, displays and a chance to meet and share ideas with other play people.

We hope to include training sessions on circus skills, new art ideas, green ideas, parachute games and drama workshops. There will also be a market place where you will be able to get information packs on days out, book summer activities and borrow resources.

The day is open to anyone who is involved in play for over 5's in Southwark. To book a place ring Rachel (contact details above). There will also be a prize draw to win a free activity workshop to be run at your convenience in your club, playscheme or playground.

New OFSTED Standards for Out of School Childcare

In 1999 the Government announced that day care providers and child minders caring for children under eight years old would be regulated by a new Early Years Directorate within the Office for Standards in Education (OFSTED).

The new OFSTED standards for out of school care come in to effect from 1st September 2001. This will affect all childcare providers who care for children **under eight** and operate before school, after school or during the holidays. The total care must be more than 2 hours in any day and for more than five days a year. In general terms this will mean all playschemes, after school clubs and adventure playgrounds will be affected by new standards.

What do the standards cover? There are 14 Standards and they cover the following areas: suitable person; organisation; care, learning and play; physical environment; equipment; safety; health; food and drink; equal opportunities; special needs; behaviour; partnership with parents and carers; child protection; and documentation.

Possible issues: All the standards are important and most providers will be already meeting most of the criteria laid down in the Standards document. There are though a number of new issues to consider:

Qualifications: The person in charge must be qualified to a Level 3 Qualification which is appropriate to the post. At least half the staff must hold a Level 2 Qualification. All staff must have induction training including health and safety and child protection in the first week of employment

Trainees: Trainees under 17 will NOT be counted in the Adult/child ratios.

You can get a copy of the Out of School Care Standards by telephoning 0845 6022260 and quoting ref: DfEE 0489/2001... or by arranging a meeting with the Play Development Officer Rachel Murray who will work through the document with you and help you look at how to meet the approved standards. Her number is 020 7639 9807.

What shall we call our Play project? - we were going to be 'Play Connections' at Southwark Children and Families Alliance but then along came Connexions. Somebody else suggested Play Matters - but it's already taken. Any ideas to Rachel.

Southwark Children and Families Alliance
Policy Development

Part of the role of the Alliance is to respond to consultation exercises to ensure that the needs of children and the voluntary organisations working with them are given high priority. Recent examples of our policy work include:

Health Action Zone

In response to the Lambeth Southwark and Lewisham Health Action Zone consultation on future priorities, we argued that the main focus of HAZ should remain on children and young people. Similar views were expressed by many other agencies, and the HAZ Board has agreed that children will remain a key priority.

Primary Care Trust

We responded to the first draft of a consultation document on the setting up of the new Primary Care Trust for Southwark, bringing together the existing Primary Care Groups, Community Health South London NHS Trust and some of the functions of Lambeth, Southwark and Lewisham Health Authority.

Southwark Children and Families Alliance argued: "Our main concern in relation to the proposed PCT is to ensure that sufficient weight is given to the needs of children, young people and their families within the new system... we believe that if children and young people are not to be marginalised, their needs have to be reflected not only in the PCT's priorities, but safeguarded in the PCT's budgets, governance and staffing structures."

Proposals included that "all structures, including the Board and Executive, should have an identified lead for children" and "a senior level officer within the PCT with a specific responsibility for children's services".

A full public consultation on the PCT proposals will be circulated shortly.

Behaviour Support Plan

WS Atkins has produced a new Behaviour Support Plan for Southwark setting out proposals for promoting positive behaviour in local schools. Southwark Children and Families Alliance provided information about the services voluntary organisations provide in this area, and raised issues arising from our seminar on school exclusions (report enclosed with this mailing).

New Peckham Wharf

Southwark Council Regeneration is consulting on plans for a major new leisure facility at 'New Peckham Wharf' behind Peckham library. We responded that the proposed arts and media facilities should be accessible and affordable to local young people, and that outdoor play facilities should be provided in Peckham Square.

If you would like copies of our responses to any of the above, or if there are other issues you thing we should be commenting on, contact Neil Gordon-Orr at the address below.

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SSI Inspection of Children's Services

The Department of Health Social Services Inspectorate has published the report of its Inspection of Children's Services in Southwark. The inspection, which was carried out in January 2001, focused on the effectiveness of Social Services support for children looked after, those on the child protection register and those receiving family support services.

The report concludes that 'Southwark's children's services were providing essential care services to an extremely diverse and needy community' and praised some of the innovative services being developed to support children looked after. It also found that 'Southwark does have a good range of family support services' including in the voluntary sector. However the report identified a number of significant areas needing improvement.

- 'Thresholds for accessing family support services were very high and it was clear... that it was difficult to successfully refer cases to the district teams'.
- There was no 'clearly articulated family support strategy' and 'little evidence of family support work in the district teams outside of cases where there were obvious child protection concerns'.
- 'The quality of child protection practice was variable and we had concerns that in some cases children were not properly safeguarded'.
- 'The services was failing to review both child protection and looked after children's cases within statutory timescales'.

Southwark Council considered the report at a meeting of its Ratification (Social Services) Committee on 11 July. Southwark Social Services accepted that 'The Inspection report is a fair and balanced assessment and sets out an agenda for change which is consistent with our own analysis of children's services'. The meeting agreed a detailed Action Plan which addresses each of the SSI recommendations, with actions including:

- lowering the child protection threshold;
- the creation of extra posts in the Referral & Assessment Teams, as well as six Trainee Social Work posts and four Looked After Children Social Worker posts;
- the creation of a Quality Assurance Unit within Social Services;
- the development of a multi-agency family support strategy to provide and co-ordinate existing services at lower levels of need (this will be taken forward through the Children's Partnership Board).

Such measures are already beginning to impact on the services children and families receive. However, the SSI recognised that it would be difficult to bring about substantial change 'in a climate of financial stringency', with the children's social services budget having been reduced for this financial year. It recommended that 'Southwark Council should ensure that it's children's services have the necessary resources to carry out its statutory responsibilities'. It remains to be seen whether the Government and the Council will provide the necessary additional resources in future years.

A summary of the SSI report is available from Southwark Children & Families Alliance. For the full report contact the SSI London Inspection Group on 020 8972 2000.

Towards Safer Care

Southwark Social Services is holding a workshop 'Towards Safer Care' for managers and senior professionals involved in the corporate care of children in Southwark. The aim is to heighten awareness about the profiles and methods of perpetrators of child sexual abuse; to increase awareness of corporate parenting responsibilities in the areas of care, management, recruitment and selection, contracting and whistleblowing; and to consider how to be more effective in providing a safer environment.

The event takes place on 10th October 2001, 9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. at Millwall Football Club Conference Centre. It is open to managers in social services, health, education, the police, the voluntary sector and other relevant agencies. If you wish to attend or would like further details contact Keith Bootle at the Training Section on 020 7525 3801 or email keith.bootle@southwark.gov.uk

Three new Sure Starts for Southwark

Southwark has been invited to develop three new Sure Start programmes for children under four and their families. Each programme will be located in an area with high deprivation containing up to 800 children under four. Funding of up to £750,000 a year in each programme will be used to develop a range of statutory and voluntary sector services to meet the needs of local children and parents. In addition there will be funding available for capital projects.

A sub-group of Southwark Children's Partnership Board has provisionally identified six potential areas for the next wave of Sure Start, from which three will be selected. Possibilities include:

- South Bermondsey and North Livesey;
- The Rockingham Estate and West Bermondsey;
- Nunhead;
- West Peckham (Liddle Ward);
- West Walworth;
- Kingswood Estate and/or Dog Kennel Hill.

The decision about which to proceed with will be taken on the basis of factors including the numbers of young children, deprivation, current availability of services and potential for links with other programmes. The final decision will be taken by 20 September, after which there will be extensive consultation with parents, professionals and community groups in the areas in order to develop delivery plans between March and June 2002.

The three new Sure Starts will join existing Sure Starts in the Aylesbury Plus area, East Peckham and Brunswick (Camberwell). The latest of these, Sure Start Brunswick, has just submitted its final delivery plan to the national Sure Start Unit.

If you have any views on the proposed Sure Start areas, or information that might help inform the decision, please contact Neil Gordon-Orr at Southwark Children and Families Alliance (contact details on back).

Healthy Communities Fund

A number of Southwark projects have received funding in the latest round of the Lambeth, Southwark and Lewisham Healthy Communities Fund:

- **Hourbank**, a 'time-currency' scheme which encourages individuals to get more active in their community, receives a grant of **£5,000**. The grant will be used to develop an under used nature garden in Peckham, involving young people from local schools, an after school club and children from a nearby travellers group.

- **SELAH**, a newly established group based in Peckham, receives a grant of **£3,000** to develop a yearlong social programme for disabled and disadvantaged young people. This will include dance workshops, music workshops, poetry sessions and discussion groups.

- **Aylesbury Sure Steps**, a new group set up by parents, receives a grant of **£3,000**. The grant will be used to set up weekly dance and exercise workshops for children aged 2-5. The aim of the project is to provide affordable and accessible physical exercise for children from an early age.

- **Colombo Street Playgroup** receives a grant of **£2,700** to extend the hours the group is open and to purchase educational materials and equipment.

- **Kushite Theatre Company**, which produces theatrical work aimed particularly at African-Caribbean and South Asian communities, receives a grant of **£1,800**. The grant will be used to run educational workshops during the production of 'Under the Influence', a play exploring issues of mental health, racism and masculinity. Workshops will take place at the From Boyhood to Manhood Foundation, which works with young black men in Peckham.

- The **Otter Canoe Group**, which works with children with disabilities in Southwark and Lewisham, receives a grant of **£2,000**. The grant will be used to take a group of 15 children with disabilities for a week's adventure holiday to the Isle of Wight.

The Healthy Communities Fund is part of the Health Action Zone for Lambeth, Southwark and Lewisham and provides grants to community groups and voluntary organisations whose activities improve the well being and health of children and young people. Over £1,000,000 has been allocated to the fund to spend over three years. Grants are available under two categories: small grants from £1,000 to £5,000 for a wide range of community groups who have an income of under £30,000; and large grants from £5,000 to £35,000 for organisations with a track record in delivering services.

The Healthy Communities Fund will be awarding more grants in September and December this year. Application forms are now available. To request an application pack or for further information please contact the Fund on 020 7582 5117 or e-mail mubin@selcf.globalnet.co.uk .

Playscheme and Activity Training Day

Burgess Park Adventure Playground was alive with the sound of play workers enjoying themselves on 4th July. Southwark Children and Families Alliance play development project in partnership with Groundwork Southwark and Southwark Borough Council's community team hosted a successful Playscheme and activity training day. The day was attended by play workers and development officers from after school clubs, playschemes, carers' projects and sports clubs.

The day was designed to give play workers an opportunity to learn new skills, find out about summer programme providers and share experiences. The training workshops were wide ranging. Sights to behold included the transformation from play worker to grand prix driver on the kart track, a completely different form of networking when Arethusa Venture Centre's Martin Smith challenged his group to undo a human knot in team building games session and a whole group of merry workers who could have given Robin hood a run for his money in the archery sessions. The other sessions on offer were skills share, arts and crafts, parachute games, minibeast hunting and three easy steps to bouncy castles.

There was also information on hand about places to visit and two tables worth of resources, books and ideas for programme planning. The Young Vic, Fusion (Leisure Centres) and the Peckham Youth Training initiative were on hand to offer ideas and advice. A big thank you goes out to all those people who made the day possible.

If you would like a pack from the day contact me (details on back page), but please note I will be off work recovering from a knee operation until September 3rd.

Rachel Murray (Play Development Officer)

Community Safety Directory

Southwark Council's Grants and Community Safety Unit has published a new edition of its Community Safety Initiatives Directory. The Directory includes details of a range of services and programmes, with 13 sections including Early Intervention with Children and Families, Youth Crime Diversion and Prevention, and Drug and Alcohol Misuse. The Directory is available as a printed document and on CD. Further details from sarah.newton@southwark.gov.uk, tel. 020 7525 7391.

The Southwark Plan

The Southwark Plan (the new name for Southwark's Unitary Development Plan) is being rewritten and the Council is consulting on what should be included in it.

The Plan will set the direction for how land is used and developed in Southwark over the next ten years, including proposals around housing, transport and the environment. A key issues paper has been published and the Council is keen to hear from a wide range of individuals and agencies about their views.

Southwark Children and Families Alliance will be responding on the need for a 'Child Friendly Southwark' where children can play and learn safely and where the voices of children are listened to in the planning process. We will also be highlighting the premises needs of services for children and parents, especially voluntary organisations. Please contact us if you have any comments you would like to have included.

For further information about the Southwark Plan, contact Sarah Beuden or Nicky Morrison at Southwark Regeneration, tel 020 7525 5345 or 5418, email udp@southwark.gov.uk

Parent's complaint upheld

The Ombudsman (local government watchdog) has upheld a parent's complaint against Southwark and Lambeth Councils. Delays in agreeing an autistic child's transfer from a Lambeth primary school to Southwark's Beech secondary school resulted in the child going without education between September 1998 and March 1999.

The Ombudsman found that both councils were guilty of 'maladministration causing injustice'. As a remedy the councils are to jointly fund one to one tuition amounting to £1,500 and £1,600 in respite care. The child's mother is to be given £500 compensation for her time, anxiety and trouble.

Details from John Lake, Southwark Council, on 020 7525 7234.

Young Sexual Abusers

Southwark Area Child Protection Committee is holding a **Conference on young sexual abusers** on 3 October 2001, 1.30 - 5 pm at the Institute of Psychiatry, SE5. This event will launch new procedures for dealing with sexual abuse by children and young people. Details from ACPC, 0207 525 7965.

Health

Primary Care Trust Consultation

Consultation is underway on proposals to create a Primary Care Trust in Southwark. The new PCT will come into existence in April 2002. It will replace the North and South Southwark Primary Care Groups, take over the Southwark services of Community Health South London NHS Trust (which will be dissolved), and assume many of the responsibilities of Lambeth, Southwark and Lewisham Health Authority. In other words it will be the key agency commissioning and delivering health services in Southwark, and will also take on an increasing role in relation to social care services.

The Consultation document has been sent to all 600 voluntary organisations on the Southwark Children and Families Alliance and Southwark Community Care Forum mailing lists, so you should have received a copy by now. If not, you can obtain one from Anna Watkins, South Southwark PCT Manager, on 0207 346 6444.

SCFA/SCCF will be responding to the consultation and we would urge you to do so too. Particular areas of interest to us are children's services (identified as a priority in the document) and voluntary sector involvement. Please contact us if you would like to be involved in developing a collective voluntary sector response.

HIV Infant Feeding Scheme

From late July 2001 the Health and Local Authorities in Lambeth, Southwark and Lewisham are funding a scheme that gives HIV positive women access to **FREE** formula milk supplies and sterilising equipment if they are local residents. Women can obtain further information from their Health visitor, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Paediatrician, Midwife or Social Worker or contact the Specialist Services Administrator at Community Health South London, tel: 0207 771 5423.

Parent Adviser Training

North Southwark Community Child and Family Service (part of South London and Maudsley NHS Trust) has arranged a Parent Advisor training course. The course aims to help participants to work supportively with parents, and covers two key areas: basic counselling and communication skills and parenting. Voluntary organisations are invited to nominate staff or volunteers to take part in this free training. The course consists of 12 half day sessions (on Monday mornings) and runs from 24 September 2001 to 17 December. Details from Marilyn Mekarssi on 020 7620 0923.

SCCF Events

Unit Costing Training, 5 September 2001, 9.30 - 4.30, Science & Technology Centre, Wilson Road, SE5. Voluntary organisations are increasingly being expected to be able to calculate a unit cost for their services. This one day practical workshop will explain how. Essential for organisations considering entering into contracts. To book a place return the form with this mailing or contact Geoffrey Lutaaya, SCCF Training & Development Manager on 020 7639 2438.

Looking over the parapet, Tuesday 18 September 2001, 10.00 - 4.00 (venue to be confirmed). SCCF event for voluntary organisations working in health and social care (including children's organisations) looking at the implications of the new health agenda. Further details in the form included with this mailing.

Southwark Community Care Forum Annual General Meeting, October 18th (venue to be confirmed). This year's AGM will be open to members of Southwark Children and Families Alliance (any local voluntary organisation working with children). It will include a presentation on how to incorporate your organisation as a limited company. Details to follow.

Alliance - the next phase

Community Fund support for Southwark Children and Families Alliance comes to an end this month after three years. Funding of the Children and Families Officer post is to be taken up by Southwark Social Services, Education, and LSL Health Authority. We will be holding a meeting on 4 October (2 - 4.30 pm) to review the progress of the Alliance to date and to consider how best to support the children's voluntary sector in the next phase of the project. If you would be interested in attending, please contact Neil Gordon-Orr on 020 7639 9916.

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New Sure Starts

Southwark Children's Partnership Board is proposing the following three areas for new Sure Start programmes in Southwark:

- West Bermondsey: this is likely to include the Rockingham Estate and the wider area to the east of Newington Causeway and north of New Kent Road;
- Central Peckham: Liddle ward, filling in the area not covered by Sure Start East Peckham and Sure Start Brunswick.
- Rotherhithe: the area adjacent to South Bermondsey station including the Bonamy and Silwood Estates.

The exact areas are still to be defined in discussion with the national Sure Start Unit. Over the next six months there will be an intensive process in each of these areas to consult with parents, identify local needs and develop delivery plans with proposals for a range of services for children under four and their families.

Any agencies working with young children in these areas should consider how they might wish to be involved. If you want to be kept informed, please return the form in this mailing.

Young Carers Project: Befrienders Wanted

The Young Carers Project at Capital Carers is looking for volunteers to befriend young people aged between 8 and 18 years. Every young person in our project is caring or helping to care for an adult at home with a physical disability or mental health issues. Because of their caring responsibilities, young carers are often socially isolated and are unable to enjoy their childhood as fully as peers.

Our befriending project aims to tackle this isolation by pairing young carers with matched adults who can commit to at least one visit/social outing a month, for a 12 month period. The befriender becomes a positive influence in the life of that young person - someone to listen, answer questions and to give the child a break from caring. Expenses and training are provided. If you are interested call Stephen or Martine on 020 8693 5090.

Goodbye and hello

After three years as the Children and Families Policy Officer for Southwark Children and Families Alliance/SCCF I will be moving on at the end of October 2001.

The Alliance was established by Southwark Community Care Forum with funding from the National Lottery Charities Board in 1998, and I came into post shortly after.

In the past three years the Alliance has helped the children's voluntary sector to play a major role in the development of new partnerships and programmes such as Sure Start and the Children's Fund.

We have moved from a one person project within SCCF to a team offering specialist support to community nurseries and play providers, as well as our broader role of bringing together voluntary organisations to promote the rights of children in Southwark. Other projects being developed include one focused on children and neighbourhood renewal and another working with the Children's Partnership Board to promote children's participation.

With funding for my post now secured for the future, the Alliance is in a very healthy position for somebody with vision to lead it into its next phase. Details of the job vacancy for the re-named Assistant Director (Children and Families) are included with this mailing.

As for me, I will shortly be taken up a new position as Project Development Officer at Southwark Childcare First. I have greatly enjoyed working with the voluntary sector in Southwark and I am sure I will continue to work with many of you in my new role, which will include helping to develop the Neighbourhood Nursery Initiative in Southwark.

Neil Gordon-Orr

Towards a Child Friendly Southwark

Southwark Children and Families Alliance has responded to consultation on the new Southwark Plan, which will set the direction for how land is used and developed in Southwark over the next ten years, including proposals around housing, transport and the environment. The following is a summary of the key points we raised.

The Mayor of London is consulting on a Children's Strategy for London with the aim of making London 'a world-class child friendly city'. We would like to see the Southwark Plan including a parallel commitment to making Southwark a child friendly borough, where children can grow up, play and learn in a safe and caring environment.

Listening to children

We welcome the commitment to involving young people in the consultation on the Southwark Plan. We would like to see mechanisms developed for the voices of children to be heard at all levels of the planning process, from the broad strategic level to individual planning permission decisions.

Our experience is that even when the community is formally involved in planning, the needs and wishes of children can easily be marginalised. Not only are children and young people often not directly involved in the process, but parents of younger children are also less likely to be able to attend community meetings. The result is that children can be viewed as simply a problem and facilities for children not seen as part of the community. At the level of the planning permission process, there is a clear bias whereby the objections of adult resident voters carry more weight than the needs of local young people.

The Office of the Children's Rights Commissioner for London recently undertook a major consultation with 3,000 children (including Southwark children) on what would make London more child-friendly. The top five areas where they would like to see change were: violence and safe streets; child abuse; drugs; bullying; and racism.

A Quality Environment for Children

Green open spaces are very important for children, young people and their families. However many spaces are underused at present. Reasons include a lack of facilities (including poorly maintained playgrounds) and fear of crime, a fear exacerbated by the low numbers using some spaces. This creates a self-reinforcing cycle of fear and underuse. We believe that a strategy for encouraging children and their families to use open spaces is central to making them busy, thriving and safe places. We would like to see all major parks having facilities for parents, childminders and toddlers (one o'clock clubs or similar), as well as playgrounds catering for a range of ages and needs.

We believe that very high priority should be given to providing safe places for children to play. The Best Value Review of Play and After School Services found large numbers of poorly maintained fixed play spaces in Southwark, with only 7 out of 204 meeting national standards. Major new outdoor developments such as Peckham Square have been planned with no play provision for children. We would like to more see play areas with equipment that would be suitable for children with disabilities as well as for other children.

We would welcome moves towards car free developments and reducing traffic speeds in order to make the streets safer for children to play in. We would like the Plan to include a commitment to developing Home Zones in Southwark.

Public transport can be inaccessible to people with young children in buggies, as well as to people with mobility difficulties. Examples locally include train stations at Denmark Hill, East Dulwich and Nunhead, all of which have stairs to reach the platforms and no lift facilities.

Any major new shopping facilities should be required to have free toilet, nappy changing, breast feeding and play facilities. Plans should be put in place for making these available in existing shopping areas within Southwark.

Stable and inclusive communities

As part of creating an inclusive community, it is very important that the Plan gives a high priority to making Southwark truly accessible to people with disabilities and special needs. Many buildings, facilities and services cannot be used by many Southwark residents at present. For instance, a recent report on 'leisure services and activities for disabled children and young people in Lambeth Southwark and Lewisham' (LSL Health Action Zone, 2001) found that that less than 10% of disabled children were satisfied with their level of participation in leisure activities.

For further information about the Southwark Plan, contact Southwark Council Planning Policy and Research Unit on 020 7525 5552.

News from Southwark Play Network

Southwark Play Network is the new name for the Play Connections project within Southwark Children and Families Alliance (we have changed the name to avoid confusion with Connexions). The Play Network has been set up to support all voluntary sector play providers in Southwark through providing information, training and one to one support to play workers, managers and management committees.

Arts and play

I am presently working with the Tate Modern to develop a workshop for play workers. We will also be looking for play workers who would like to get involved in developing activities and worksheets to make the Tate Modern more "play friendly".

The Tate Modern is looking for a number of representatives form Southwark to pilot their new Community Advocates programme. The programme will be 6 informal and sociable sessions allowing you to see exhibitions, find out more about the Tate Modern and have your say about it. For more information call Alison Cox on 0207 401 5069.

There is a FREE day's training on arts in childcare being run by London Arts for childcare providers on Tuesday 30th October. Contact LEAP on 020 7635 6535 for details.

Resources

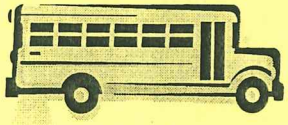
Southwark Childcare First has secured funding for a Toy Library which the Play Network has been asked to help stock; items already requested by play providers include a badge machine and parachute. Have you any requests for your club, scheme or playground?

I am also in the process of building a resource library. It will eventually contain fact sheets, books and resources which can be borrowed on long and short term loan to help play providers with policy and programme planning. At present the library is primarily made up of policy information, although we also have a range of photocopiable craft books and the full range of fact sheets from the "Leisure Centre" play training provider.

Network Days/Evenings

I would like to start having regular meetings for management committees and play workers to allow you all to network and share ideas. In order to make these meetings worthwhile I am looking to introduce guest speakers. I would be grateful if you would let me know topics you would like covered and the best times and days for these meetings.

MIDAS Minibus Training



We are planning to run a minibus training course in late November, early December. In order to book trainers etc we need to know the level of interest and best times and days for people. The course will be based here at 32-36 Rye Lane in Peckham and will cost around £35 per person. This will include training on road craft, legislation, accessible minibuses and practical driving skills. If you pass the course you have a nationally recognised qualification which will allow you to hire/drive a wider range of minibuses. If you are interested in the course please let Rachel know ASAP as the places are limited

Adventure Playground Work Parties

The Play Network is going to organise opportunities for play workers to work together to develop the resources on both voluntary and statutory adventure playgrounds. This will be done by allowing workers to exchange skills and good practice through a ranging monthly work party day. If you would like to participate or you would like your site to benefit please let me know.

Training workshops

After the success of the Playscheme and activity training day we have decided to run more activity based training. Do you have any requests? I am also considering running a play specific "how to get funding" workshop with SCCF but I need to know whether we have enough interested parties to make it viable. If you are interested let me know. The Playscheme Training Day Pack from our event in the summer will be available soon - apologies if you have been waiting for it.

For further information on any of the above call Rachel Murray, Play Development Officer, tel: 020 7639 9807, email: rachelmurray@play-scfa.freeserve.co.uk

The Circus comes to Women's Aid

Southwark Women's Aid won a prize of a free circus workshop at our Playscheme Training Day. Audrey Morgan, Child Development Worker with Southwark Women's Aid describes what happened:

Southwark Women's Aid provides temporary accommodation for women and children fleeing domestic violence. During the summer we provide a Playscheme, so this prize filled one of the gaps and I thought it would be great for the children.

Tat came to the refuge in August. The weather was beautiful, so he set up in our garden. The children were all very keen and wanted to get started straight away. Tat was very gentle with the children and those who were not so keen soon came around. He went through all the equipment one by one, showing us how to use it safely. The afternoon was really relaxed, the children were free to use the equipment and the adults and some parents joined in a bit later on. Some of the children became quite skilful at using the circus equipment, and told me that they were leaving to join the circus! We had an enjoyable afternoon, we took lots of pictures, so many, many thanks to Tat for coming along and showing the children his circus tricks. Many thanks to Rachel for getting together this prize to win in the first place.

The prize was donated by Southwark Childcare First. If you would like to know more about Tat from Fizzbangs Circus please contact Rachel Murray, SCFA's Play Development Officer.

SCCF Health Event

Southwark Community Care Forum held a conference on September 18th looking at the implications of changes in health for the voluntary sector, such as the new Primary Care Trust. If you would like a copy of the 'Looking over the Parapet' report contact Rosemary Watts at SCCF on 020 7639 9791.

Costs of social exclusion

A new study by researchers at South London's Institute of Psychiatry has compared the cumulative costs of public services used through to adulthood by individuals with different levels of antisocial behaviour in childhood.

The inner London longitudinal study tracked the progress of a group of children who were 10 years old in 1970 through to their late 20s. At the start of the study children were screened and divided into three groups - those with no apparent problems, those with conduct problems and those with conduct disorders. The new study draws on this data and calculates the costs in 1998 prices for public services (excluding private, voluntary agency, indirect, and personal costs) used over and above basic universal provision.

By age 28, costs for individuals with conduct disorder were 10 times higher than for those with no problems and 3.5 times higher than for those with conduct problems. Mean individual total costs were £70,019 for the conduct disorder group and £24,324 for the conduct problem group, compared with £7,423 for the no problem group. In all groups crime incurred the greatest cost, followed by extra educational provision, foster and residential care, and state benefits; health costs were smaller.

The study concludes that "Antisocial behaviour in childhood often leads to lifelong social exclusion. It imposes considerable costs in childhood and high public expenditure and personal distress by adulthood... There are effective interventions for antisocial behaviour in children, but they are seldom routinely available. A well co-ordinated multiagency approach that used interventions of proved effectiveness could considerably reduce the costs of antisocial children when they are grown up".

Financial cost of social exclusion: follow up study of antisocial children into adulthood - Stephen Scott et al; British Medical Journal 2001;323: 191 (28 July) - available at www.bmj.com

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